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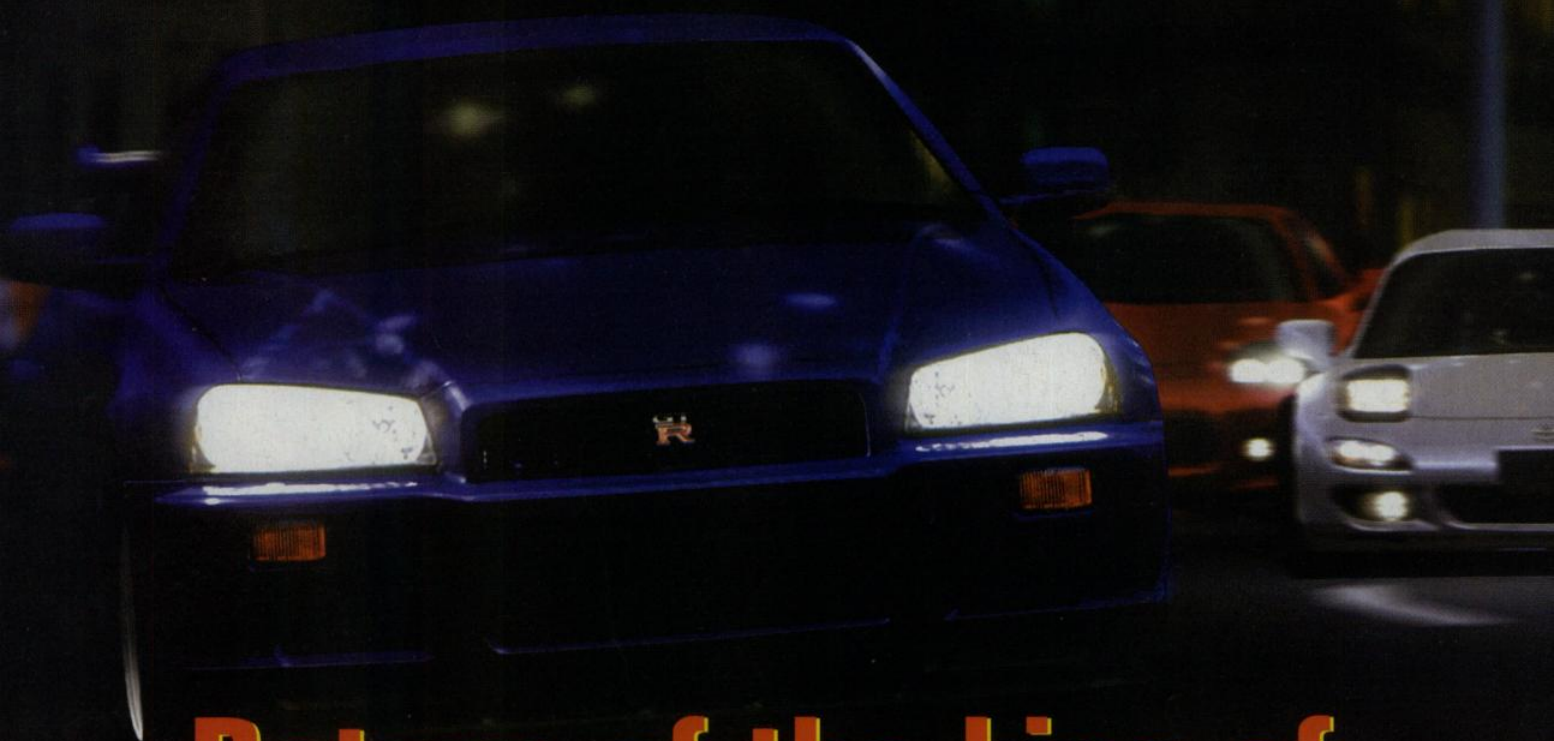
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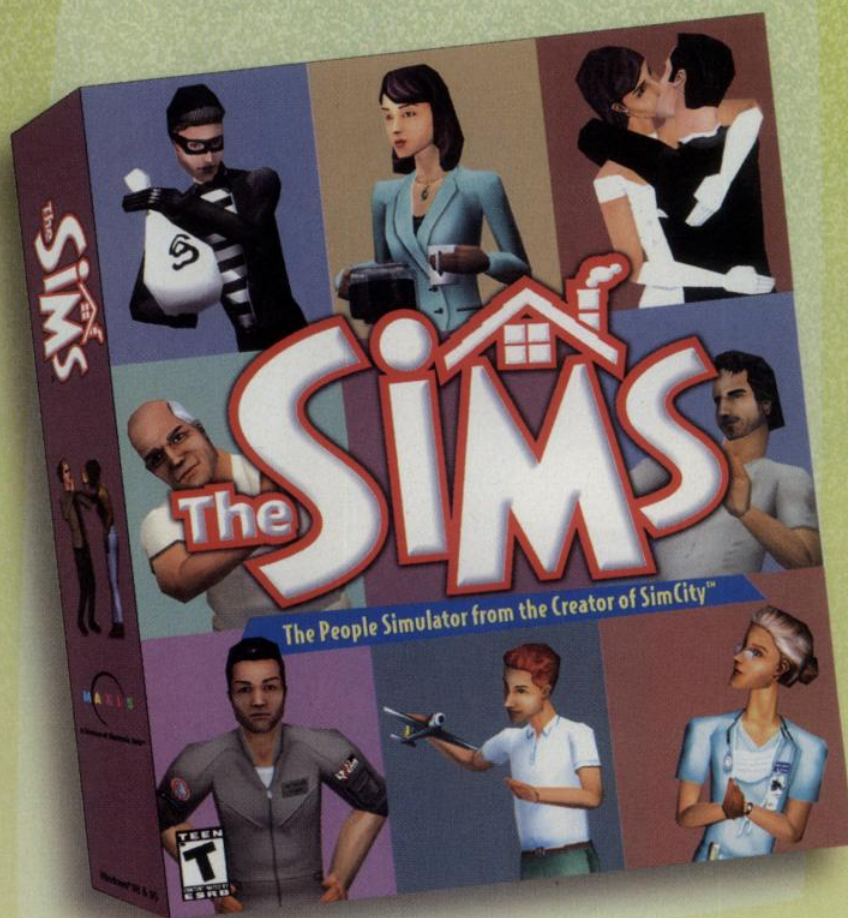


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## EDITOR'S NOTES

**T**he game we've all been waiting for is here: Gran Turismo 2. It is without a shadow of a doubt the best PlayStation driving simulator ever. The game is nearly flawless and is so addictive that your hands will have to be prised away from the controller. There is nothing that can compare to the feeling of a high speed power slide on the rally track, screaming around the course, sending chunks of mud flying. It's as close to the real thing as anyone has got so far.

This month we're knee-deep in hack and slash RPGs – Role Playing Games, for the uninitiated. We have Shadow Madness and Ehrgeiz for PlayStation and the excellent Nox for PC. I've been fighting off ghouls, ghosts and golems all month and boy, are my arms getting tired from wielding that big sword! It's a nasty job, but someone has got to do it.

We also check out The Sims this month. It's definitely one of the most original PC games I've seen in a long time. You get to create a community of electronic people, each with their own distinct personalities and then help them live out your wildest dreams or experience your worst nightmares. Watching your Sims go about their daily life is very absorbing in a voyeuristic kind of way. You can even watch them having a shower if you're so inclined!

You've probably noticed we are slightly smaller than usual this month, due to a hectic holiday season, but as always we have the latest and greatest news from the most exciting industry on the planet.

Happy New Year ▲

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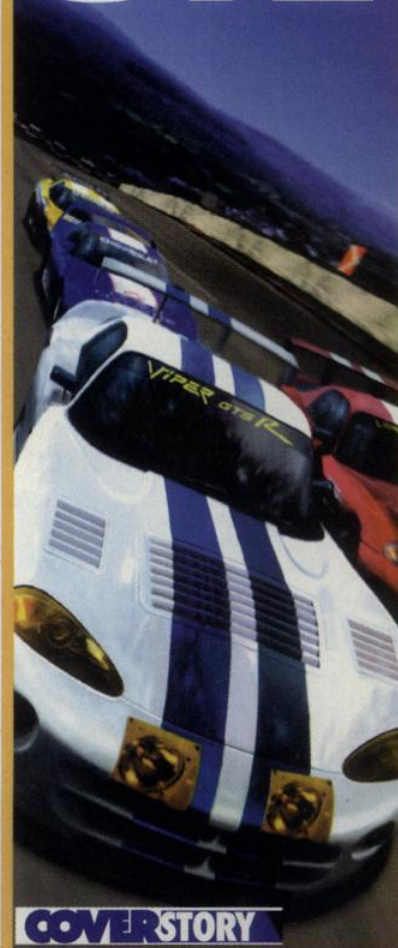
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# Armageddon 2000

## The fantasy event of the year

The biggest pulp culture expo in New Zealand is making a triumphant return to Auckland on the weekend of 18-19 March. Armageddon will be sprawled over three levels of the Aotea Centre, with everything you could ever want to know about comics, trading cards, computer games, movie memorabilia and much, much more. Armageddon will be bursting at the seams with international sci-fi personalities and comic strip creators, who will share some of the tricks of their trade and inside gossip in special chat

forums.

Special sci-fi guests include Rene Auberjonois – Odo from Star Trek Deep Space 9 – and Jeremy Bullock – Boba Fett from Star Wars. Comic superstars Jeph Loeb, the writer of Superman and Batman Dark Victory, and Arthur Adams, the artist for MonkeyMan & Obrien and Dangelgirl Special, will also be appearing.

There will be a special preview of the PlayStation 2, which isn't due to be released in New Zealand for at least six months and a demo of the latest highly

anticipated Pokémon game for Nintendo, Pokémon Stadium. There are so many things happening we can't list them all; remote control car racing, trading card tournaments, Pokémon competitions and movie screenings.

The Total Games crew will be there to soak up the atmosphere and test our skills on the PlayStation racing tournament. It all sounds very exciting, so get your tickets now if you don't want to miss out. For a complete lowdown on the event go to:

[www.pulpexpo.com](http://www.pulpexpo.com)



## ● Eagerly awaited

# Crazy Taxi

As a slightly demented cabbie it is your job to pick up passengers and deliver them to their destination as fast as possible. The action is frantic as you weave through traf-

fic, run red lights, take shortcuts through the park and generally create mayhem on the roads. Extra points are awarded for big jumps and squeezing through tight gaps. From

the look of these luscious screen shots Sega have done an admirable job of converting Crazy Taxi from the arcade machine. The visuals are highly detailed, with pedestrians,

shops and other obstacles all running at a blistering 60 frames per second. Lucky Dreamcast owners can expect Crazy Taxi to be released very soon. ▲



# Cool Boarders 4

Cool Boarders 3 suffered from an annoying control system, so while it looked impressive it was frustrating to play. Thankfully the controls of CB4 have been simplified and a whole slew of new features have been added, including the ability to create your own rider and tweak the control characteristics of your board. The result looks like an excellent

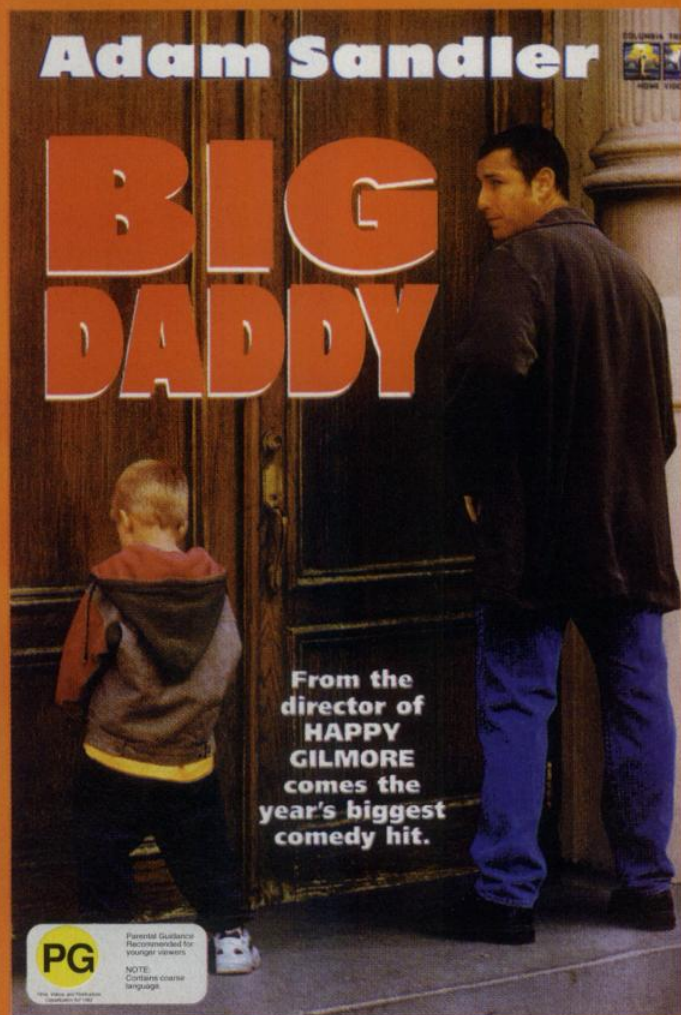
PlayStation snowboarding sim, featuring 16 professional riders and five different mountains from across the globe. The snow has realistic textures and you'll even find patches of deep powder to sink into if you go off-trail. As you would expect there are a number of modes, such as Downhill, Halfpipe and the Big Air Contest. ▲





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# Ultima Online: Renaissance

It seems that the Ultima Series of RPGs have been around since the beginning of time. Thousands of gamers have immersed themselves in Ultima's timeless fantasy world of knights, dragons, thieves and mages. Now, with the internet age well and truly upon us, Origin, the game's developers, have launched an on-line gaming service for its legions of fans.

Ultima is a huge experience, with over 40 unique character skills to master and thousands of items that you can make, steal or buy. It is a constantly evolving online world, with a fully staffed development team constantly working to improve things. Ultima online makes it simple for new and experienced players alike to get into the action, with streamlined setup menus, comprehensive tutorials and full-time staff dedicated to helping gamers navigate the mythical world of Britannia. A whole town has been designed specifically for new players, with everything you'll need to get started and volunteers standing by to help.

A new shard (online service) has recently been opened for the South Pacific, allowing players to join up to 150,000 gamers online at one time. Take a look at the Ultima Online:Renaissance site at: [www.uo.com](http://www.uo.com)



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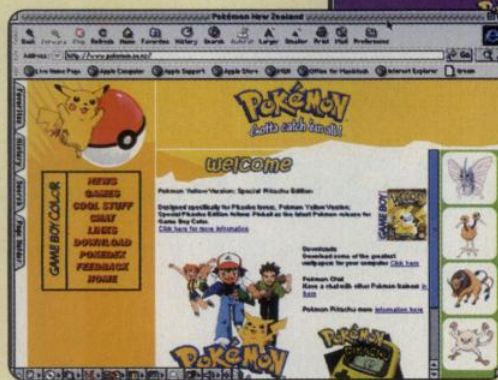
# Gotta catch'em all!!

[www.pokemon.co.nz](http://www.pokemon.co.nz)

After months of breathless anticipation New Zealand's first official Pokémon web site has appeared online. It is the ultimate Pokémon resource, with the latest news on this worldwide phenomenon, including plenty of cool pictures to download and a complete Pokédex with information on every character. There are links to some of the best Pokémon web sites from around the world and you can also hear the famous Pokémon theme song.

The site has the latest information every Pokémon game, including some exciting tidbits about the soon-to-be-released Pokémon Stadium. It's looking very

good indeed. One of the best sections of the web site is the chat room, where you can contact other Pokémon fanatics and trade strategies or organise a challenge. There are



plenty of confident Pokémon trainers all over New Zealand ready and waiting to take on all challengers on their quest to become the greatest Pokémon trainer in the country. If you fancy yourself as a master Pokémon trainer there is no better place to find other trainers who will test your skills to the limit. ▲

NEW ZEALAND'S MOST POPULAR GAMES  
January 2000

● Nintendo 64

1. Donkey Kong 64
2. WCW Mayhem
3. Zelda 64
4. Duke Nukem: Zero Hour
5. Knockout Kings 2000

● PC CD

1. Age of Empires 2
2. Half Life: Opposing Force
3. Unreal Tournament
4. Dick Johnson V8 Challenge
5. Quake 3

● Gameboy

1. Duke Nukem Colour
2. Pokémon Yellow
3. Donkey Kong Land 3
4. Warioland
5. Jungle Book

● PlayStation

1. Crash Team Racing
2. Final Fantasy VIII
3. Medal of Honour
4. Ace Combat 3
5. Tomb Raider 4

# LOADING

■ The latest worldwide sales figures on the games industry have been released by NPD Group. They show the total number of video games sold rose 20 per cent in 1999 to 215 million, with a total revenue of \$6.1 billion. Last year's big seller was the Pokémon range, with 12 million copies sold, while the biggest single seller was Donkey Kong 64, which sold 1.4 million copies, or \$86.4 million.

■ Eidos recently announced that the latest installment of the popular Tomb Raider series, Tomb Raider: The Last Revelation, will appear on Dreamcast in the next few months. Expect it to take full advantage of the Dreamcast's superior graphic and sound capabilities.

■ Sega Toys has announced that it will launch its robot dog Poo-chi in Japan on 1 April for a retail price of 2,641yen (\$NZ28). Poo-chi responds to light, touch and sound and has various facial expression to communicate mood. Poo-chi is the follow-up to Sony's virtual dog, AIBO, which sold for 264,141yen (\$NZ2500).

■ Viz comics has announced some of its new Pokémon comics due out in the first half of 2000. They include Magical Pokémon Journey #3: Pokémon Holiday, Pokémon Adventures part 2, #4: Mission Magmar. There are also two special 18 page colour comics of Pokémon Tales #11 and #12, entitled Jigglypuff's Magic Lullaby and Lapras Makes a Friend.

■ Sega Japan says more than 500,000 internet users have signed up to be connected through its Dreamcast console and it hopes that figure will reach one million by April. It estimates that 30 per cent of Dreamcast owners in Japan are currently taking advantage of the machine's online capabilities. ▲



# Need For Speed 5: Porsche Unleashed

The most famous name in sports cars comes to your PC

**Platform:** PC CD

**Style:** Driving Sim

**Stats:** 1 Player

**Distributor:** Electronic Arts

The latest installment of this extremely popular racing simulator gives you the chance to test your skills with some of the sleekest road machines ever designed. Yes, you'll feel the fine-tuned class of German automotive engineering thanks to a four-point physics engine that lets you feel the subtle differences between models.

There are over 50 Porsches to choose from including the classic 1948 356 Roadster and the new 996 Turbo, which is still to be released some time this year. Your car can sustain damage, so it is important to repair and upgrade it constantly if you want to keep it at top racing performance. Career mode adds

plenty of replay value by letting you earn money from races to buy and upgrade cars. Top players could find themselves with a gleaming stable of thoroughbred racing machines – any car lover's dream. ▲



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# Turismo 2



# Gran



Realism? You want as real as it gets!  
Better buckle up tight, because this is as real as it gets!

- 1 The performance street cars winding up the throttle as they exit an s-bend.
- 2 Wahoo! Power sliding the hairpin on the rally course is exhilarating in the extreme.
- 3 Mustang grunt on the tight city streets.
- 4 This is what happens when you watch the car
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# Shadow Madness

Darkness has fallen upon the land of Arkose

A plague of destruction has destroyed every city and left their citizens stumbling mindlessly through the ruins. Our hero, Stinger, has narrowly avoided the same fate and sets off determined to find the cause of this curse. He meets Windleaf, an elf girl with magical powers and Harv-5, an agricultural robot with a nasty scythe, who join him on his quest for the truth.

Shadow Madness takes its inspiration from the Final Fantasy series of RPGs,



PROFILE

**Platform:**  
PlayStation  
**Style:**  
RPG  
**Stats:**  
1 Player  
**Distributor:**  
Sony

copying the combat system and most of the game engine almost directly. It's a shame that it is let down by some poorly executed game design. The combat system is too slow to use, relying on sub menus to navigate your attack options, which usually results in you taking heaps of damage while you try to organise your attack.

One of the best aspects of Shadow Madness is the great dialogue when you encounter other characters.



Conversations are well written and often quite humorous. The Robot Harv-5 has some of the funniest lines because of his fixation on death and despair. I also like the way you can avoid most random battles by holding down L2 and R2, when you feel the monsters coming.

Overall, Shadow Madness is an atmospheric game with a good sense of humour but with a few too many annoying design glitches to make it a real contender for Final Fantasy VIII. However, keen RPG fans will be able to squeeze a few days entertainment out of it. ▲



# Ehrgeiz

All your favorite Final Fantasy characters in a 3D combat game

From the beginning of its development, Ehrgeiz has been touted as "The Final Fantasy fighter" because it includes Cloud, Tifa, Yuffie, Vincent and Sephiroth. Fans

of the legendary RPG have been waiting to get their hands on this game for a while but sadly it's more than a little disappointing.

There are two distinct sides to Ehrgeiz.

The arcade mode is a 3D fighting game, where you can circle your opponent and use ledges and obstacles to escape or give you extra height to launch your attacks. The problem is that these arenas are so small and empty that they offer almost no



PROFILE

**Platform:**  
PlayStation  
**Style:**  
Combat/ RPG  
**Stats:**  
2 Players  
**Distributor:**  
Sony

interactivity. Quest mode is more interesting; following archaeologist Koji Masuda and his assistant into the bowels of an ancient ruin that holds the secret to immortality. Quest mode is a simplified RPG style game, where you move from room to room chopping up monsters and collecting food, coins and magical items for use later on. It is quite entertaining for a while and the graphics are outstanding in some locations but there is no real challenge.

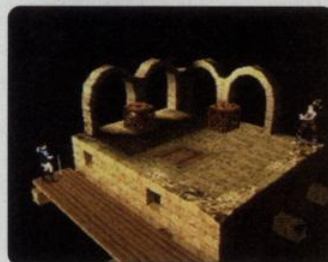
Ehrgeiz's combat system is flawed in a number of ways. There is only one attack button and one magic button.

The number of moves for each character are limited and worst of all, the high

block can only be done by removing your hands from the

controller – not easy to do in the heat of battle. Although

quest mode offers some depth to Ehrgeiz, most gamers will soon



become frustrated with the repetitive hack and slash action and the Final Fantasy characters are nothing more than a gimmick. Snore... ▲

# Also Released

## Theme Park World

If you've ever dreamed of owning your very own fun park then you'll love this one. Theme Park World lets you choose between Space Zone, Lost Kingdom, Land of Wonders and Halloween style adventure parks. You must construct your park from the ground up, building the rides, hiring staff and making critical marketing decisions, such as how much salt to put on the fries (because more salt makes people thirstier and they will buy more drinks).

The best aspect of the game is the ability to explore your park and experience all the rides in the first



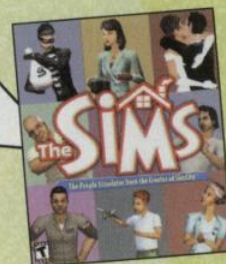
person perspective to see how good they are. You can tweak your roller coaster's design to get the kids screaming or take a wander through the sideshows and buy some candy floss. It's all about crafting the perfect theme park experience. Run it your way but make sure you keep your staff happy or they'll go on strike. And remember to always keep one eye on the profit margin. ▲



# The Sims

Sounds like a recipe for multiple personality disorder to me...

Platform: PC-CD ROM  
Style: Community Simulator  
Stats: 1 Player  
Distributor: Electronic Arts



**I**s The Sims a life substitute for those with none of their own? Is it some sort of sociological tool for predicting human behaviour? Is it a very Zen piece of software that allows players to experience multiple lifetimes without the need for reincarnation? Well, it's all of these and none of these all at once.

The Sims is a very ambitious project that attempts to emulate human emotions, dreams and inspirations by creating a lifelike virtual community with a constantly evolving web of relationships. Like a god you hold their fate in your hands. Will they fall in love? Have a family? Hate their neighbours? The

choice is yours.

You begin by creating your little people; selecting everything from their appearance to their attitude and their skills. There are a large range of personalities available, from shy recluses and lazy slob, to party animals and high-stress business people. The next step is to create an environment for them to live in. Maybe it's a bachelor pad with a pool table and giant screen TV or a run-down student flat with no furniture. Just like in real life, the hardest part of mastering The Sims is in balancing the conflicting demands of work, family and friends for each of your electronic personalities. More outgoing Sims will

need plenty of social contact if they are to stay happy, while particularly neat Sims will go bonkers unless they have a tidy house and garden.

Almost anything that can happen in real life can happen to your Sims, such as extramarital affairs, separations and homosexual relationships. You may even have to look after orphans if your parent Sims die. Yes, your Sims can perish from accidents such as house fires or from malevolent player actions. A death in the community will mean your Sims will go through a period of grieving, just as in real life.

Sims communicate what they are thinking and feeling by an icon above their

heads. You can't tell exactly what they're saying but you know what they're talking about. You can tell your Sims to do and say but depending on their mood they may not obey you. Of course, it's no fun playing happy families all the time; so occasionally you'll want to rock the boat. Maybe you'll pick a fight with your neighbours or have an affair.

The Sims is a unique piece of software that offers the chance to experience someone else's life in a microcosm: their triumphs and failures, their dreams and relationships. This is social experimentation at its most entertaining. ▲

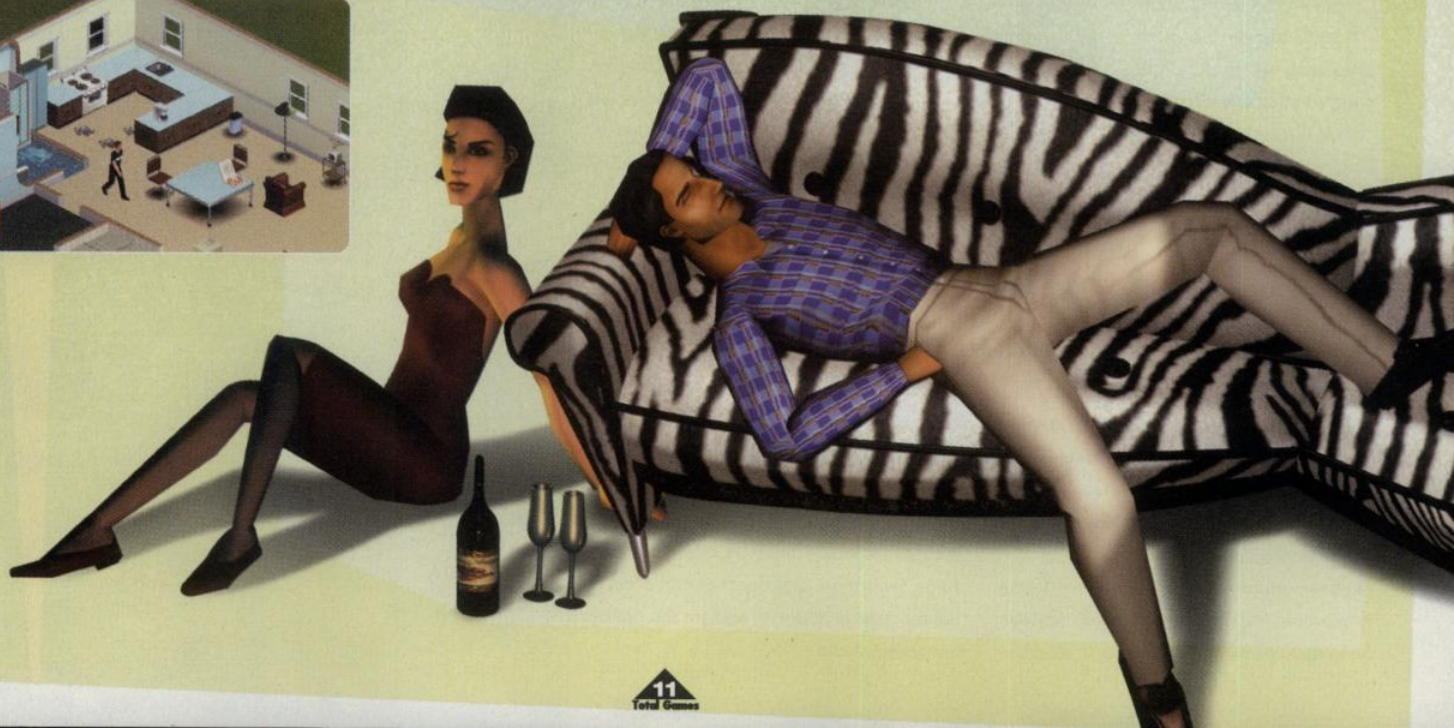


●1 These two are having a nasty argument. It just goes to prove that bags of money and a huge mansion don't make you happy.

●2 Creatures of leisure: friendly conversation in the spa as the BBQ sizzles away.

●3 Sims panic as a fire breaks out. Better act quickly before their home is reduced to ashes.

●4 A rather sparse student flat. Check out the mess on the floor.





# Nox

**Platform:** PC CD

**Style:** RPG

**Stats:** 1-16 players online

**Distributor:** Electronic Arts

**T**he evil sorceress Hecubah has enslaved the land of Nox. You have been summoned to this ancient land to defeat her by stealing a magical orb. You choose whether to be a Warrior, a Conjurer or a Wizard. The Warrior excels at close range combat with axes, throwing stars and chakrams but he can also utilise several special abilities such as the war cry, which temporarily blocks spells. The Conjurer is adept at summoning demons to do his fighting for him. He can fight hand to hand, with staffs and bows, but prefers to call upon Imps, Golems and Ogres to attack his enemies. The Wizard is the most deadly but also the most frail character. He has a huge array of devastating spells at his

**Spells, Traps, Demons:** is this the Diablo-beater we've been waiting for?

disposal, such as death rays and lightning bolts.

Standing between you and glory are a heap of nightmarish dungeon dwellers; Skeletons, Mummies, Wolves, Trolls and Mimics, which can disguise themselves as anything. Nox is not merely a simple combat and magic game. The trap system is one of its best elements, allowing the player to cast up to three spells into a trap. The beauty of this system is working out the best order for the spells. For instance using a Stun, Confuse, Fireball combination will first cause the victim to drop all their items, then make them lose character control, before finally smashing the helpless player with a damaging fireball. Some truly deadly combinations are possible.

Nox is the sort of RPG that will become a deep obsession. It is ultra-playable, has plenty of depth and a blood-curdling atmosphere that will soon have you hooked. ▲



## Microsoft International Soccer 2000

The most popular sport in the world has never looked so good

**I**nternational Soccer 2000 follows the mold of existing Microsoft sports games in that it is excellent on the field but the off-field features don't quite stack up to the competition. The lack of a FIFA license is a shame because the developers couldn't use real player and stadium names. So, if you're a fan of a particular English football team



**Platform:**

PC CD

**Style:**

Soccer

simulation

**Stats:**

1-2 Players

**Distributor:**

Microsoft

**PROFILE**

you may be disappointed with generic names like Smith and Jones. However, you can edit player names and create custom teams but nowhere does it allow you to edit player attributes.

Most importantly though, IS2000 is extremely playable. No 3D soccer game has ever been quite as intuitive to play, with a brilliant

one-touch control system. It's nice to see the players in International Soccer 2000 don't have glue attached to their shoes. Passes are not always on target. In fact there are times when no one has complete control of the ball, which is a bloody good thing. Another welcome feature is the ability to adjust the speed of the game and increase the opponent's AI, which means you can generate a game that plays very realistically.

The graphics are superb, with over 200 player moves that have been created using 9000 frames of motion-captured animation from real players.

IS2000 is great fun to play and feels very natural. However, there is one issue that Rage (and most other soccer game developers) need to address: why are the goalies always so stupid? ▲





# ● Video Crusade Vol 1&2

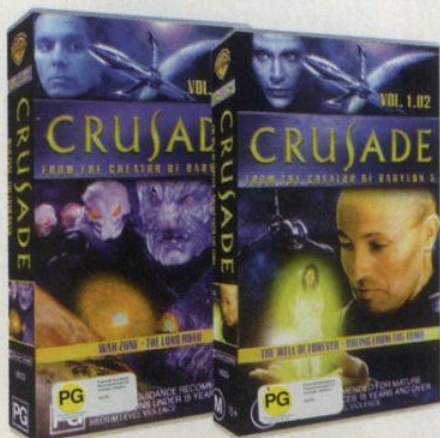
Rating: PG

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From the creator of Babylon 5 comes another epic sci-fi adventure set in the furthest reaches of space. This first installment of the series has two episodes. War Zone is set in 2263, where captain Matthew Gideon (Gary Cole) assembles his crew for the latest experimental starship, Excalibur. Their mission is to explore the reaches of space to find a cure for the deadly Drakh virus, which will overrun Earth in five years if they are unsuccessful. The second episode, The Long Road, concerns

a tiny planet being threatened with an ecological disaster and revolution because of Earth's ruthless strip mining of it's surface to collect a potent antiviral agent.

The alien and human characters of Crusade will be familiar to fans of Babylon 5 and both stories are quite compelling. It looks as if Crusade could become the next big thing in the sci-fi universe. Judge for yourself. ▲



# ● Movies The Beach

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio

In cinemas: 2 March

**T**he desire to find something real – to connect with something or someone – is what drives Richard (Leonardo DiCaprio), an American backpacker who arrives in Thailand with adventure on his mind.

Richard checks in to a cheap hotel in Bangkok, where he meets Daffy (Robert Carlyle), an older traveller ravaged by years of sun and drugs. Rambling and paranoid, Daffy tells Richard the improbable tale of the perfect beach on a secret island, unsullied by tourists. The next day, Richard finds a piece of paper pinned to his door. It is a hand-drawn map of the island described by Daffy. This, Richard realises, may be the something different he has been looking for.

Richard sets off following Daffy's map. To get to "the beach", he must risk his life by swimming across an open sea from one island to another, crawling past armed guards and jumping from



the top of a 120-foot waterfall. Reaching his destination, he finds a small community of travellers like himself, living in secret. He is welcomed into the group, and the island paradise becomes his home, sapping him of all will to return to the world he knew before.

Yet beneath the surface, this paradise is less than perfect. Personal conflict and petty jealousy ferment to create a violent rivalry, and a series of tragic events fragments the community. Increasingly isolated and disturbed, Richard finds himself more than witness to an incident of bloodshed. The dream has become a nightmare; paradise has turned to hell. Now his only goal is to leave. But escape will not be easy, for the beach is a secret place, a secret that some will defend to the death. ▲

# Star Trek: Insurrection

Rating: PG

Starring: Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, Brent Spiner

When Captain Jean-Luc Picard of the Enterprise gets word that Data has run amok and taken a cultural survey team hostage, his first concern is to save Data, who will have to be destroyed if he cannot be repaired. But when Picard investigates, he finds something strange about the Ba'ku, the race the survey team was observing. The Enterprise command team also discovers that there is more to the supposed cultural survey than they had been told. Soon Picard is forced to choose between disobeying a direct order and violating the Prime Directive of the Federation. Picard learns that the survey is only a cover for a plot to remove the Ba'ku from their world. The Son'a have discovered that the planet is bathed in metaphasic radiation that reverses aging. What the Ba'ku have, the Son'a – an aged, dying race – want desperately for themselves.

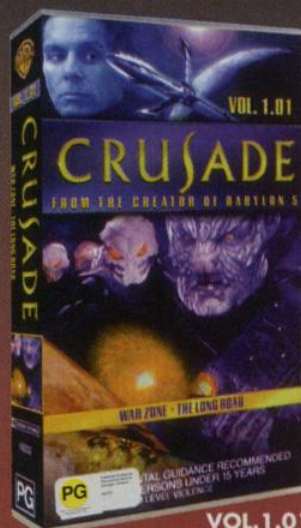
Picard confronts his superior officer, Admiral Dougherty, with what he has learned, only to find that the top leaders of the Federation are part of the scheme. After all, says the admiral, there are only 600 Ba'ku. Why should they stand in the way of progress? Picard objects but Admiral Dougherty will hear no protest: He gives Picard a direct order to withdraw.

For Picard, it is the time of decision. If he obeys Dougherty's order, he would violate the principles of his Starfleet oath. Instead, he takes action. The battle for Paradise has just begun. ▲

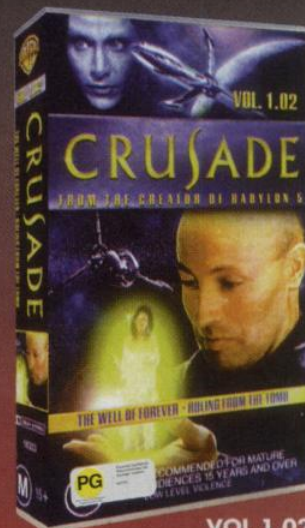


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2. 1997
3. 1998

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1. Bruce Boxleitner
2. Kate Mulgrew
3. Patrick Stewart

Dear Total Games

I have a few questions, so I hope you would be so kind as to answer them for me.

1. My friend has told me that toothpaste removes scratches on PlayStation discs. Is this true and how would you go about removing them?
2. Will PlayStation 2 play the old PlayStation games and vice versa?
3. Do you know any cheats for Actua Soccer on the PlayStation? I've been searching everywhere and I can't find any.

By the way, I like the changes that have been made to your magazine.

Steve Osborne

**Since you asked so nicely I'd be glad to answer your questions Steve. You have no idea how many letters I receive every month demanding cheats for dozens of games and they don't even say please. I just don't have the time to research all your cheat enquiries, so please, please stop asking for them!**

1. I'm sorry but that's an old

**hoax. I've heard it plenty of times before, but if you tried it you'd probably end up damaging your discs even further. Toothpaste is quite abrasive and would scratch the surface badly.**

**2. Yes, those smart cookies at Sony have made the PlayStation 2 backwards compatible - which means you will be able to play all your old games on the new machine. But it goes without saying that you won't be able to play PlayStation 2 games on the old PlayStation. If that was the case why would you buy a new machine at all?**

**3. I managed to dig up a couple of cheats for Actua Soccer that might be of help:**

**Gremlin dream team:**

**At the title screen, press R2 + L2 + Select + Up/Left. Now the Gremlin "dream team" will be available for selection.**

**Superstar player:**

**At the title screen, hold Select + Up/Left. Now a superstar player named Crossi will be available for selection - Ed.**

Dear Total Games,

This is the first time I have written to Total Games. I'd just like to say keep up the excellent work on New Zealand's number one gaming mag.

Oh, and I have a cheat for Tekken 3 on PlayStation: If you don't have Dr. Boskonovitch and beating Tekken Force four times is too hard, just save the game and turn off the PlayStation. The next time you turn Tekken 3 on, you'll have Dr. Boskonovitch.

Does anyone out there have any cheats for Tony Hawke's Pro Skateboarding?

See ya, Adrian B.

**Well, thanks for your Tekken 3 cheat Adrian. Since one good turn deserves another, here is the ultimate cheat code for Tony Hawke's:**

**Pause the game, then hold L1**

**and press Circle, Right, Up, Down, Circle, Right, Up, Square, Triangle. If you entered the code correctly, the pause screen will shake. Then all levels, FMV sequences, tapes, full stats and Officer Dick will be unlocked. Enjoy - Ed.**





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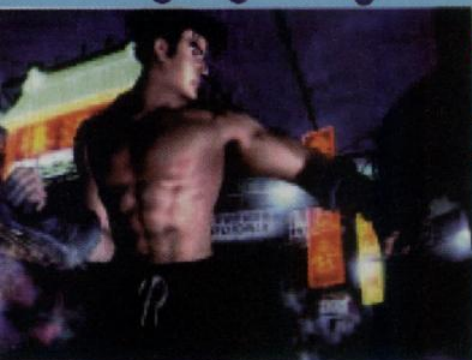
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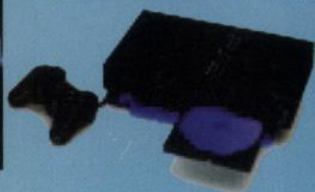
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